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In re Application of:

YUTAKA TAKANO, ET AL.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2001 (Paper No. 8).

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute paragraph starting at page 3, line 25 and ending at page 4, line 4 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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